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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE JOURNALIST'S VISIT KINSHASA

1. JAIME MOREIRA AND UNNAMED FELLOW PORTUGUESE JOURNALIST FROM LUANDA DAILY NOTICIA, CURRENTLY ON FAMILIARIATION VISIT TO ZAIRE, MET WITH FNLA PRESIDENT HOLDEN ROBERTO AND MPANUMPANU-BI-BANDA, POLITICAL COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY AZAP.

2. AZAP REPORT SEPTEMBER 10 QUOTED MOREIRA AS SAYING WELCOME ACCORDED IN ZAIRE HAD EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS, THAT PREVIOUS VIEW OF ZAIRE INHERITED FROM CAETANO REGIME PROVED FALSE. RATHER THAN COUNTRY WHERE "NOTHING WORKED", HE AND COLLEAGUE HAD FOUND ZAIRIANS FRIENDLY, DYNAMIC, WELL-ORGANIZED PEOPLE. REPLYING TO QUESTION, MOREIRA SAID THAT MOBUTU IS MUCH ADMIRER BY ANGOLANS FOR HIS POLICY OF AUTHENTICITY, AND FOR AID TO COUNTRIES STRUGGLING FOR INDEPENDENCE. MOREIRA OPTIMISTIC REGARDING PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IN ANGOLA, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "IRREVERSIBLE." MOREIRA FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING "EVEN THE EUROPEANS" WANT INDEPENDENCE, AND, "NO ONE WANTS TO REMAIN ATTACHED TO PORTUGAL."
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